



## Issue 4



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### Attendance

Following the recent bad weather, please ensure that we have your up to date telephone numbers so that you are able to receive important updates from school and we are able to contact you in an emergency.

Please note that once school re-opens from a closure your child is expected to attend, failure to do so will result in receiving an **unauthorised mark**. This means school has **not** granted permission for leave and this will impact on your child's attendance. Please see below a table explaining the mark codes.

<b>\</b>	<b>Present Mark</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Late Mark</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>Late after the register is closed at 9.00am</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Illness (evidence provided only)</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Unauthorised absence</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Unauthorised absence</b>

We look forward to working with you towards our 100% attendance goal in the new school term and also we are very excited to having our special visitor 'Attendance Hero' back with us in the New Year too!

#### Governor Spot

Governors have been very busy this term looking at their strategy to support the school. Many decisions have been made and plans put in place. Policies have been approved to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors.

The Board of Governors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Nursery

We have a new topic in Nursery after the holidays. We will be 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will need all children to bring in a teddy bear from home but will let you know the date closer to the time. We will be hunting for shapes and numbers, not just bears so you could try this at home with your child too. Please remember to bring book bags in EVERY FRIDAY. We are trying really hard to develop independence with the children so please make sure your child tries to put on their own coat, shoes and socks.

**We are having improvements made to our heating system over the Christmas holidays, so please do not be alarmed if you see any activity on our site when we are closed. School re-opens on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## Reception

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' for all your support this term. The children have enjoyed the Space Dome, the Big Breakfast and the Thinktank science day this term. Reception have worked really hard to learn the Talk for Writing stories and have enjoyed using our outdoor curriculum space. Thank you for all your donations to our school fund. After the holidays the theatre group will be in to perform Elmer and the Thinktank will be back in to work with us again. Have a very happy and safe holiday!

## Year One

This term our topic for Year One has been Under the Sea. In English, children have been learning to write a story with a problem and resolution based on the story Rainbow Fish. They also wrote a non-fiction information text about sea creatures. In Maths, children have been learning about addition and subtraction, money, real-life problems, capacity and weight.

In topic, Year One have been identifying, describing and comparing sea creatures. They have also learned about the history of old and new ships and can name their features and have compared them. Next term our topic is called I wish.....

In English they will be learning about fantasy texts, focusing on the story of Aladdin.

In Maths, they will be learning about place value, subtraction, time, length and height.

In topic, we will be learning about everyday materials, significant people and food preparation.

## Year Two

Year Two have had a very busy term learning the story 'Lost and Found', writing a newspaper report, reading and performing poems. Our topic of Journey's has encouraged the children to learn about the world, in particular China. Can your child tell you any facts that they learnt? The children have also had the opportunity to practise Reading and Maths SATs papers. They have worked extremely hard to apply all the skills that they have learnt so far. We hope you have a fabulous break - Happy Holiday!

## Head teacher's Message:-

As 2017 draws to a close, we can reflect on a very successful year and look forward to exciting times ahead. Thank you for all of your support, helping us to get such a good Ofsted report. Please watch out for updates around our moving to Primary - on track for 2018!

May we wish you a peaceful, healthy holiday and a very happy New Year!

Mrs. Armine Williams